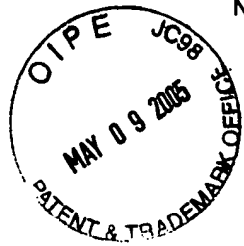


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In re Application of:

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For: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROVIDING COMMUNICATIONS TRANSMISSIONS**

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Sir:

**RESPONSE TO INFORMALITY RE PAYMENT OF FEE**

I received of notice that the fee submitted in the above application was insufficient and that \$50 was due for additional claims. Apparently, the fee paid with the amendment filed December 27, 2003 was overlooked. The fee with that amendment paid for an additional 6 claims – totaling 70 claims. The amendment recently filed with the RCE resulted in a total of 66 claims pending. Consequently, no additional fees were due with the RCE or Amendment. After speaking with Ms. Sonya Hilliard who executed the notice, she agreed that no fees were due with the recently filed Amendment or RCE, and that I should transmit this letter explaining the oversight so that the application can proceed to examination.

Date: May 8, 2005

Respectfully submitted,

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